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FORMER HAWAII STATE PTSA TREASURER SENTENCED
TO 30 DAYS JAIL FOR THEFT AND FORGERY

Wailuku, Maui - On April 21, 2010, Mr. Michael J. Nathan (60), a resident of Kahului, Maui, plead no contest to the charges of Theft in the First Degree and six counts of Forgery in the Second Degree, and requested a deferral of his plea. At a sentencing hearing July 1, 2010, Second Circuit Judge Richard T. Bissen denied Mr. Nathan's request for a deferral of his no contest pleas and sentenced Mr. Nathan to five years probation, 30 days of jail to be served on weekends, a \$5000 fine, and 500 hours of community service work. Mr. Nathan was also ordered to pay the Hawaii State Parent Teacher Student Association restitution in the amount of \$33,963.32, and to write the organization a letter of apology.

An investigation conducted by the Department of the Attorney General Investigations Division revealed that, between September 2004 and June 2006, while serving as the Hawaii State PTSA's treasurer, Mr. Nathan forged numerous Hawaii State PTSA checks, and stole almost \$34,000 of the organization's funds. The stolen funds were used to payoff Mr. Nathan's personal credit cards and to fund various inter-island and mainland trips that had been taken by him and his son during that two year period. The theft was discovered after changes occurred within the administration of the Hawaii State PTSA.

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